

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**VINCE HOWINGTON,**

**Defendant.**

) Criminal No. 5:17-CR-30 (FJS)  
 )  
 ) **Indictment**  
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 ) Violations: 18 U.S.C. § 371; 8 U.S.C. §  
 ) 1325(c) [Conspiracy to  
 ) Commit Marriage Fraud]  
 ) 8 U.S.C. § 1325(c)[Marriage  
 ) Fraud]  
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 )  
 ) 2 Counts  
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 ) County of Offense: Onondaga

**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:**

**COUNT 1**  
**[Conspiracy to Commit Marriage Fraud]**

On or about February 22, 2012, in Onondaga County in the Northern District of New York, the defendant, **VINCE HOWINGTON**, who was a citizen of the United States, conspired with a woman whose identity is known to the grand jury with the initials "N.E.", who was a citizen of Israel and an alien in the United States, to commit marriage fraud by knowingly entering into a marriage for the purpose of evading a provision of the immigration laws of the United States, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1325(c) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

**OVERT ACTS**

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the objects of the conspiracy, the conspirators committed the following overt acts, among others, in the Northern District of New York and elsewhere:

- (1) In or around 2011, "N.E." offered to pay **VINCE HOWINGTON** \$10,000 to marry her so that she could obtain United States citizenship;
- (2) On or about February 22, 2012, **VINCE HOWINGTON** participated in a fraudulent marriage ceremony with "N.E." for the purpose of obtaining her citizenship;
- (3) On or about February 23, 2012, after the marriage ceremony, N.E. paid **VINCE HOWINGTON** \$1,000 for marrying her.
- (4) Thereafter, "N.E." paid **VINCE HOWINGTON** \$333 a month for the fraudulent marriage.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.


**COUNT 2**  
**[Marriage Fraud]**

On or about February 22, 2012, in Onondaga County in the Northern District of New York, the defendant, **VINCE HOWINGTON**, who was a citizen of the United States, did knowingly and unlawfully enter into a marriage with a woman whose identity is known to the grand jury with the initials "N.E.", who was a citizen of Israel and an alien in the United States, for the purpose of evading a provision of the immigration laws of the United States, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1325(c).

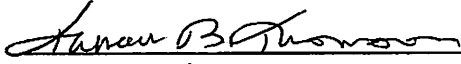
Dated: February 16, 2017

A TRUE BILL,

\*Name Redacted

  
Grand Jury Foreperson

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